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Security Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Africa on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

10.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 6th informal meeting[1] . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Presentation by Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, on the strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian assistance, including special economic assistance

Morning[2] . . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by several Member States (A/59/238) [8]

[1] Open to all delegations. Interested specialized agencies, funds and programmes are also invited to participate.

[2] Immediately following the adjournment of the 6th informal meeting.

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Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

9.30–12.30 p.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/59/338, A/59/339, A/59/343, A/59/344, A/59/345 and A/59/381) . . . . . [76]

General debate

Second Committee

9.30–12.30 p.m. . . . . 31st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [83]

(a) International trade and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.25

(d) Commodities

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.26

Operational activities for development . . . . . [90]

(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.28

Groups of countries in special situations (A/59/115 and A/59/158) . . . . . [88]

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed countries (A/59/94-E/2004/77)

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation (A/59/208)

Conclusion of general discussion

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (A/59/89-E/2004/21 and A/59/3 (Chap. 1)) . . . . . [91]

Introduction and general discussion

Third Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . 40th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/59/12 (Supp.), A/59/12/Add.1 (Supp.), A/59/317, A/59/425[1] and A/59/554[1]) . . . . . [100]

Continuation of general discussion

2.30–5.30 p.m. 41st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of human rights instruments . . . . . [105 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/59/L.32

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [105 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/59/L.37, A/C.3/59/L.39, A/C.3/59/L.40, A/C.3/59/L.41, A/C.3/59/L.44, A/C.3/59/L.51, A/C.3/59/L.52, A/C.3/59/L.56, A/C.3/59/L.57, A/C.3/59/L.58, A/C.3/59/L.59, A/C.3/59/L.61 and A/C.3/59/L.62*

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [105 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/59/L.46, A/C.3/59/L.48, A/C.3/59/L.49, A/C.3/59/L.50*, A/C.3/59/L.53, A/C.3/59/L.54 and A/C.3/59/L.60*

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/59/12 (Supp.), A/59/12/Add.1 (Supp.), A/59/317, A/59/425[1] and A/59/554[1]) . . . . . [100]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/539 and A/59/396))

12.45–1.15 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 5

Briefing by the Office of Central Support Services on the proposed Access Control System for Fifth Committee members

Sixth Committee

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal meeting on the rule of law

Question time (in accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/316, paragraph 3 (d) of its annex)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Administrative Tribunal
2. Administration of justice
3. Repertory of Practice of the United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (c) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 9.30 to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Claudio Rojas (Chile), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (Globalization and interdependence), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (d) (Commodities), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal "informals", convened by the Permanent Mission of Serbia and Montenegro, on the draft resolution on the coordination of humanitarian assistance (under agenda item 39 (b)), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on the draft resolution on the coordination of humanitarian assistance (under agenda item 39 (b)), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (b) (International financial system and development), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Khondker Talha (Bangladesh), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (a) (International trade and development), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. José Briz Gutiérrez (Guatemala), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (c) (External debt crisis and development), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Sustainable development), will be held *today*, 10 November 2004, from 4 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Third Committee
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-President of the Third Committee, Ms. Astanah Banu Shri Abdul Aziz (Malaysia), to negotiate the Chairman's text relating to the issue of the revitalization of the work of the Committee *today*, 10 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Mavis Kusorgbor (Ghana), on the issue of the criteria for the invitation of Special Rapporteurs, *today*, 10 November 2004, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Economic and Social Council

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Unleashing entrepreneurship: The role of the domestic private sector in development", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, *today*, 10 November 2004 from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The event will be chaired by H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi, President of the Economic and Social Council, and moderated by Mr. Bruce Jenks, Director of the Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships of the United Nations Development Programme. The panellists will include H.E. Mr. Zina Andrianarivelo-Razafy, Permanent Representative of Madagascar; Mr. Eduardo Aninat, member of the Commission on the Private Sector and Development and former Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund; Mr. Gerry Gouveia, Vice-President of the Private Sector Commission of Guyana; and Ms. Irene Philippi, UNDP Resident Representative in Chile. Members of Permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 10 November 2004

JUSCANZ Group *(Third Committee)*

9–9.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Group of 77 *(draft resolution on globalization and interdependence)*

9.30–10.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)*

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3161

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on globalization and interdependence: international migration and development)*

10.30–12.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on groups of countries in special situations: Specific actions relating to the particular needs an problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)*

12.30–1.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(all outstanding issues before the Second Committee)*

1.30–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on eradication of poverty and other development issues: achieving coherence of development goals with conflict prevention and peace-building measures)*

2.30–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

2.30–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (b) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

10 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

UNITAR/OLA seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence" (under agenda item 39 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Representative of Nigeria, representative of the current Chairman of the African Union)

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on a draft resolution of the Third Committee on peace through tourism (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania)

12.45–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (organized by the Permanent Mission of Finland)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Meeting of co-sponsors of a draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 39) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union)

1–2 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on a Sixth Committee draft resolution under agenda item 148 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

2.30–3.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 10 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 10 November 2004

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Afternoon[1] . . . . . Ms. Susan McDade, Team Manager, Sustainable Energy Programme, United Nations Development Programme; Professor Vijay Modi, Columbia University; and Dr. Fatih Birol, Head of the Economic Analysis Division, International Energy Agency (IEA) (on the following three reports: *World Energy Outlook 2004* (IEA); *Energy Services for the Poor* (United Nations Millennium Project); and *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: The Role of Energy Services* (UNDP))

[1] Following the press briefing by the Spokesman.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 11 November 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

9.30 a.m. . . . . . 51st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: *report of the Secretary-General (A/59/332)* [39 and (a) and (c)]: *joint debate*

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General (A/59/93 and A/59/374)

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/121)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/59/L.24)

2. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/59/L.15/Rev.1) . . . . . [35]

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (b) (International migration and development), will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (c) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (d) (Commodities), will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Sustainable development), will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Mark Ramsden (New Zealand), on the draft resolution on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (under agenda item 85 (b)), will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 12.30 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gabriel Cremades (Spain), on the draft resolution on freshwater (under on agenda item 85), will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 2.30 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Khondker Talha (Bangladesh), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (a) (International trade and development), will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Olivier Chave (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 90 (b) (Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system), will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., in a conference to be announced in the *Journal*.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and

future generations of mankind), will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on agenda items 100, 103 and 104 is open (A/C.3/59/L.1/Rev.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Third Committee secretariat (Ms. Vivian Bonano (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 23rd meeting on Thursday, 11 November 2004, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting and at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5

Sixth Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all remaining items allocated to the Sixth Committee is open (A/C.6/59/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Nena Villena-Tanedo (tel. 1 (212) 963-5375; fax 1 (212) 963-1963; e-mail villena-tanedo@un.org)).

General Assembly

2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2004 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2004 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme, will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Pledging Conferences, in writing, to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference (Ms. Terri Olvida (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail olvida@un.org).

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

The Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will meet on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

Informal consultations, convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on the following issues before the resumed substantive session for 2004:

1. Regional cooperation . . . . . [10]

   Action on draft decision E/2004/L.59

2. Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]

   (h) International cooperation in tax matters

   Action on draft resolution E/2004/L.60

3. Coordination, programme and other questions . . . . . [7]

   (d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

   Action on draft decision E/2004/L.58

Resumed substantive session 2004

The Economic and Social Council will convene its 54th meeting of its resumed substantive session 2004, on Thursday, 11 November 2004, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group

There will be closed meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR))*, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 9 to 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Wednesday, 17 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on the Sixth Global Forum on Reinventing Government (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, in cooperation with the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, DESA)

There will be a briefing on the upcoming Sixth Global Forum on Reinventing Government (Seoul, 24-25 May 2005), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, in cooperation with the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 18 November 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Seok-hee Kang (tel. 1 (212) 439-4090; or e-mail shkang93@mofat.go.kr).

UNITAR workshop series on policy awareness and training in information technology

As part of the series on policy awareness and training in information technology, the third high-level seminar of this year on "Policy awareness and security issues in information technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 19 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The seminar is part of the third annual series, presented under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation. For further information please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology. Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Briefings by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit, Department of Peacekeeping Operations

There will be two briefings, organized by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, as indicated below. Members of all Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Mesina (e-mail mesina@un.org).

Monday, 22 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: briefing to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the overview of its recent studies and introduction of the newly launched Gender Resource Package for Peacekeeping Operations; and

Tuesday, 23 November, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: briefing by the Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Unit (CLJAU) of the Peackekeeping Best Practices Unit, to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

UNITAR workshop on international trade

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the World Trade Organization (WTO), is organizing a workshop on international trade. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York on Monday, 22 November, and on Tuesday, 23 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The workshop is intended primarily for members of Permanent Missions in New York. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

Preparations for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (28 February-11 March 2005), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Addressing the linkages between the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration: progress, gaps and challenges; and (b) Future perspectives on the promotion of gender equality: through the eyes of young women and men. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org and/or proppe@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463; room DC2-1268 or room DC2-1262), no later than *19 November 2004*, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

Delegations are kindly informed that the list of speakers at the high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 December 2004, at the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Executive Secretariat at the Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. +41 (0) 22-917-5281 or 22-917-2281). Delegations are kindly asked to indicate the level of the representative as well as the preferred time-block for delivering their statement (i.e. 2 December, morning session, 2 December, afternoon session, or 3 December, morning session). Delegations are reminded that the allotted time for statements is 6 minutes.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 9 November 2004

Security Council

5073rd meeting *The situation in Afghanistan*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan to participate in the discussion of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Guéhenno.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

29th meeting

Groups of countries in special situations . . . . . [88]

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a dialogue, during which comments were made and questions were posed by the Chairman to which the High Representative responded.

The Committee began its general discussion and heard statements by the representative of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area), China, Benin (on behalf of the Group of the Least Developed Countries), Norway, Bangladesh, Azerbaijan, Zambia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Burkina Faso, Mali and Japan

A statement was also made by the representative of UNCTAD.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

30th meeting

Groups of countries in special situations . . . . . [88]

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The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Nepal, Mongolia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Afghanistan and the Republic of Korea.

Statements in the exercise of the right or reply were made by the representatives of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Third Committee

39th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [100]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Committee then engaged in a question-and-answer dialogue in which the representatives of Afghanistan, South Africa, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Guinea, Japan, the Netherlands, China, Algeria and Kenya.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Turkmenistan, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Norway, Egypt, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Japan, the United States, Ecuador and Zambia.

The representative of the International Organization for Migration also made a statement.

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under the item was Thursday, 11 November at 6 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement regarding the organization of work.

Fifth Committee

22nd meeting

Programme planning . . . . . [109]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Nonye Udo (Nigeria), introduced the report of that Committee (A/59/16).

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 contained in documents A/59/6 (Programmes 1-26) and the report on priority setting contained in document A/59/87.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/59/69 and A/59/79).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), the Russian Federation and the United States.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa, Cuba, Japan and Oman.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services made a statement.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human resources management, on behalf of the Secretary-General, replied to a question raised.

Sixth Committee

25th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its Fifty-sixth session [144]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 144.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, India, Belgium, Romania, Singapore, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Australia, Mexico, Sierra Leone and Pakistan.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission made some concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 144.

Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts . . . . . [139]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 139.

The representative of Trinidad and Tobago, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.22.

Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property . . . . . [142]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 142.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.16 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 142.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 9 November 2004

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

32nd–33rd meetings *Consideration of reports* . . . . . [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Malta (E/1990/5/Add.58). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

OLA/UNITAR Seminar on the Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

United Nations Headquarters, 9 and 10 November 2004

The above seminar, sponsored by the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat (OLA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will take place on 9 and 10 November 2004 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The objective of the two-day seminar is to provide an overview of the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties. The seminar is designed essentially to meet the needs of members of the permanent missions and representatives from capitals, and other personnel, in particular, legal counsellors and advisors, dealing with matters of treaty law, or specifically involved with the preparation of treaty actions with regard to multilateral treaties and with the registration of treaties pursuant to Article 102 of the United Nations Charter. Assistance and guidance will also be provided on the domestic aspects of participation in multilateral treaties.

The seminar is based on the Treaty Handbook, which was developed and published by the Treaty Section of OLA. The Treaty Handbook is a practical guide to the depositary

practice of the Secretary-General and the registration requirements of the Secretariat. It is designated to serve as a tool for Member States, secretariats of international organizations and legal practitioners.

For more information about the seminar, please contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Information Notes and Nomination Forms will be transmitted to the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations in New York by UNITAR shortly.

Other announcements

Briefing on "Copyright protection in the realm of choreography" (organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO))

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will hold a briefing on "Copyright protection in the realm of choreography", to be followed by a special dance illustration, on *today*, 10 November 2004, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake, WIPO Coordination Office, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-6813).

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the theme of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Ottawa Landmines Convention: Review Conference Preparations (Nairobi, 29 November–3 December 2004)". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Signe Glahn, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-8318; e-mail section1d@un.org).

Symposium on "*Diabetes in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa*"

There will be a symposium on "Diabetes in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa" on the occasion of World Diabetes Day, co-sponsored by the Global Alliance for Women's Health (GAWH), the Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office of the World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), and the Permanent Missions of the Bahamas, Barbados, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, El Salvador, Fiji, Grenada, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Panama, Singapore, Timor-Leste and Trinidad and Tobago. The symposium will be held on Tuesday, 16 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the office of Global Alliance for Women's Health (tel. 1 (212) 286-0424; e-mail contactus@gawh.org).

Launch of the International Year of Microcredit 2005 (18 November)

The International Year of Microcredit 2005 will be officially launched on Thursday, 18 November 2004. The opening ceremony will take place from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documentary "Small Fortunes, Microcredit and the Future of Poverty" will be screened from 12 noon to 12.45 p.m. in the same room. High-level panels will also take place from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information on the programme, please contact the office of UNCDF (tel. 1 (212) 906-6229; Web site www.yearofmicrocredit.org).

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A/59/298	Item 50 (b) of the provisional agenda — Oceans and the law of the sea — Sustainable fisheries, including through the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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Sixth Committee

A/C.6/59/L.22	Item 139 — Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts — Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.6/59/L.23	Item 144 — Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-sixth session — Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
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